



# Montgomery County RainScapes Rewards Rebate Pavement Removal



## Requirements and Important Information

The steps to get a rebate for your RainScapes installation are listed below. The rebate check will be issued by the Department of Finance.

All decisions regarding eligibility of applications and processing of applications are final and are at the sole discretion of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Before you begin your project	
	When planning your project, ensure that it follows the design guidelines and criteria included within the application. This is important in order to be eligible for rebates.
	Make sure you have written approval from the RainScapes Rewards Planner before you begin installation or construction. Projects that are partially or completely finished before approval will not qualify for rebates. Allow three weeks for processing and wait to receive application approval from the Department of Environmental Protection. Contact us at <a href="mailto:RainScapes.application@montgomerycountymd.gov">RainScapes.application@montgomerycountymd.gov</a> or call 311 if you have not received a response three weeks after you submitted an application.
	You will be contacted by the Department of Environmental Protection to schedule the mandatory, preliminary site inspection if your application is approved
	Projects must be installed within six months of the preliminary inspection date.
	Compile all necessary documentation outlined in the application. Submit the application, photos, and required documentation. The applicant is responsible for obtaining any necessary permits.
	Provide a diagram or photos with the location of the pavement to be removed marked. Take a "before" photo of the proposed project area (up to six photos may be submitted. Please compress photos to reduce file size). If you cannot take pictures at this time, you may skip the upload and email the photos to <a href="mailto:RainScapes.application@montgomerycountymd.gov">RainScapes.application@montgomerycountymd.gov</a> . Please indicate your Application ID in the email.
	For turf conversions and permeable paver retrofit projects, you must contact <a href="#">MISS UTILITY</a> and have the project area marked prior to site inspection.
	If you live in an HOA community, provide a letter or other documentation showing HOA approval of project.

Upon completion of your project	
	<p>Contact the Department of Environmental Protection at <a href="mailto:RainScapes.application@montgomerycountymd.gov">RainScapes.application@montgomerycountymd.gov</a> to schedule a mandatory final inspection. Inspections will generally be scheduled within 10 business days. At the final inspection, correct installation of the project will be verified, and the project area will be photographed.</p>
	<p>Please remember to submit, prior to final inspection, itemized receipts, contractor bills and/or invoices for all project costs. Invoices/billing documentation must be submitted for the entire rebate amount requested. Photocopies are acceptable. Email them to <a href="mailto:RainScapes.application@montgomerycountymd.gov">RainScapes.application@montgomerycountymd.gov</a>. Please indicate your Application ID in the email. Without this information, the rebates cannot be processed.</p>
	<p>If all requirements are met, the rebate will be approved, and a check will be issued by the County Department of Finance within three to six weeks.</p>

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## Design Criteria and Guidelines for Project Eligibility

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\*\*\* These guidelines and criteria will be periodically updated to ensure currency with the latest technical information and best practices – please verify that you have the latest version! \*\*\*

### Pavement Removal

- Replant area with turf, native plants or a native tree.
  - Turf is allowed as a plant material but rebates for pavement removal with turf replacement (must use sod) are calculated at \$3.00/square foot. If selecting the turf option, the maximum rebate is \$600 for residential and \$1800 for commercial/institutional.
  - For pavement removal with native plant replacement, the rebate is calculated at \$6/sf for residential and \$10/sf for institutional/commercial properties, based on receipts. You must use 50% native species in the planting.
- Minimum project size: 100 sq.ft. residential; 300 sq.ft. for commercial, multi-family, institutional
- Projects must be designed for infiltration purposes
- Call before you dig! Dial 811 (Miss Utility)
- After the pavement is removed, the area must be decompacted to a minimum depth of 9".
  - Procedure:
    - Remove pavement
    - Remove compacted gravel subbase if it exists
    - Dig down 9" and loosen the soil
    - Spread 2" of compost
    - Dig in compost to a depth of 9-12" .
- If your area has a noticeable slope (greater than 5%), stabilize/ provide erosion control through mulch and/or rapid planting cover (within 2 weeks); if planting is delayed, the surface must either be mulched or straw covered to prevent erosion.
- DEP may request a soil permeability and/or a compaction test.
- A planting plan is required. At least ½ of the plants must be native plants to this ecoregion or cultivars (see sources under Rain Gardens).
- NO INVASIVE SPECIES may be used. Please see the RainScapes Resources section for appropriate plant lists.  
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dectmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/water/rainresources.asp>
- A mulch layer is required to inhibit weed growth, prevent soil loss, and retain soil moisture. A depth of 3" is recommended; minimum mulch depth is 2" unless planting turf.
- Planting plan must include, at a minimum, information on plant species, container size, number of plants and planting densities, plant material source, soil amendments to be used, and maintenance plan.

- **Additional resources:**

- RainScapes Resources Plant Lists:  
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dectmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/water/rairesources.asp>
- <http://www.envirolandscaping.org/howto.htm>,
- Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council  
<http://www.chesapeakelandscape.org/>  
<http://www.chesapeakelandscape.org/Guid1207%20.pdf>
- ASLA: Sustainable Sites Initiative: <http://www.sustainablesites.org/>
- <http://www.soundnativeplants.com/PDF/Restore%20Compact%20Soil.pdf>
- slope control; <http://www.erosioncontrol.com/january-february-2010/challenges-slope-stabilization.aspx>
- Maryland DNR:  
[http://www.dnr.state.md.us/bay/cbnerr/download/BayScaping\\_WebLinks.pdf](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/bay/cbnerr/download/BayScaping_WebLinks.pdf)
- AIA: [http://www.aiacbcgreen.org/cbf\\_resource\\_list.php](http://www.aiacbcgreen.org/cbf_resource_list.php)
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation:  
[http://www.cbf.org/Page.aspx?pid=643&s\\_src=google&s\\_subsrc=Bay&gclid=CI\\_gj4mRp58CFRtN5QodaliT0Q](http://www.cbf.org/Page.aspx?pid=643&s_src=google&s_subsrc=Bay&gclid=CI_gj4mRp58CFRtN5QodaliT0Q)
- Native Plants: [http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural\\_heritage/nativeplants.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/nativeplants.shtml)